

Tree of Knowledge

264 MAIN STREET
KINGSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Jan 9, 1937,

Mr Ruben Peterson

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Durham - In the village of Farklin was the site of "Tree of Knowledge" at the North Bend of the Plymouth - Boston road, In early times the "runners" between the Massachusetts Bay Colony and Plymouth left messages and letters for Durham folk at a large oak tree which stood in the junction of the Massachusetts path and the Durham road. The tree became known far and wide as the Tree of Knowledge. For the early mounted mail carrier a box was provided, and used during all the years the mail coach made its tri-weekly trips between Plymouth and Boston, which continued until the railroad succeeded the coach. Tree and box finally went ^{more} than of all earthly things. For many years Farklin ~~maintained~~ maintained a sign in memory of the Tree of Knowledge. one was painted by Mrs Karp of Plymouth, one by Miss Grace Waterman of Kingston which showed the mounted carrier delivering the Durham mail, the last one was painted by an artist of Durham in water colour. Mrs Fanny B. Clark. It represented the mail coach and four spirited horses starting from the tree,

Duxbury, Mass.
January 22, 1937

Mrs. Mary F. Woodward
264 Main Street
Kingston, Massachusetts

My dear Mrs. Woodward:

Thank you very much for your courteous letter in answer to my letter about the "Tree of Knowledge".

In as much as we are going to put up a marker at this site, I shall have to have definite dates which I am trying to get through Mr. Samuel Eliot Morison of Harvard and the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Your information was very helpful and I appreciate it. When I write the article for the Old Colony Memorial at the time the marker is erected, I shall send you a copy.

Thanking you for your interest and kindness, I remain

Sincerely yours,

RP:S

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